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AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PROPERTY BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

APRIL 24, 1952.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. MCCLELLAN, from the Committee on Government Operations, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2043]

The Committee on Government Operations, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2043) to authorize the transfer of certain property by the Administrator of the General Services Administration to the Secretary of the Interior, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to authorize and direct the Administrator of the General Services Administration to transfer a one-story frame building which was declared excess to the needs of the Department of Commerce, to the Department of the Interior without reimbursement or transfer of funds.

The property consists of a Government-owned wood-frame building located in Everett, Wash., on land leased from the city of Everett. The building was formerly occupied by the Civil Aeronautics Administration and is now occupied by the Western Washington Indian Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, under a temporary assignment from the General Services Administration, as authorized by the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended. The temporary assignment was made with the understanding that the Department would recommend legislation authorizing a permanent transfer without exchange of funds.

GENERAL STATEMENT

The Western Washington Indian Agency has jurisdiction over the affairs of 26 tribes and bands of Indians scattered over a wide area of western Washington. This area was formerly administered from

two separate agencies, the Taholah Agency located at Hoquiam, Wash., and the Tulalip Agency at Tulalip, Wash. These two agencies were recently consolidated at Everett, Wash., resulting in a considerable saving in administrative and maintenance and operation costs.

The building covered by this bill was constructed in 1942 at a cost of $17,000, for use by the Civil Aeronautics Administration during World War II. At the end of the war, that Administration vacated the building. It was then determined that the building was in excess to the needs of the Department of Commerce, and transferred to the War Assets Administration for disposal as surplus property. Subsequently, the General Services Administration was established and all of the records, property, and personnel of the War Assets Administration were vested in the General Services Administration. The building proposed to be transferred by this bill has about 2,500 square feet of floor space on the first floor, with 900 additional usable floor space in the basement.

This building is located on a small plot of land owned by the city of Everett, leased to the Government for a period of 5 years, beginning on August 24, 1950, at $1 per year.

It is understood that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has expended about $4,000 on renovating and conversion of the building into an office, with the understanding that a request for legislation would be made to have the property transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In view of the fact that this property is Government-owned, and is in excess to the needs of the General Services Administration, but required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, in connection with its activities, the committee recommends that the building covered by this bill be transferred to the Department of the Interior, and the bill, S. 2043, be approved.

This bill was introduced at the request of the Department of the Interior, and approved by the Bureau of the Budget, the General Services Administration, and the Department of Commerce. There is attached hereto and made a part of this report the views submitted to the committee by the above-mentioned agencies.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington 25, D. C., August 9, 1951.

Hon. ALBEN W. BARKLEY,
President of the Senate, Washington 25, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: There is transmitted herewith a draft of a proposed bill to authorize the transfer of certain property by the Administrator of the General Services Administration to the Secretary of the Interior.

I recommend that the proposed bill be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration, and I recommend that it be enacted.

The property consists of a Government-owned wood-frame building located in Everett, Wash., on land leased from the city of Everett. The building was formerly occupied by the Civil Aeronautics Administration and is now occupied by the Western Washington Indian Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, under a temporary assignment from the General Services Administration. The temporary assignment was made with the understanding that the Department would recommend legislation authorizing a permanent transfer without exchange of funds.

The Western Washington Indian Agency has jurisdiction over the affairs of 26 tribes and bands of Indians scattered over a wide area of western Washington. This area was formerly administered from two separate agencies, the Taholah Agency located at Hoquiam, Wash., and the Tulalip Agency at Tulalip, Wash. These two agencies were recently consolidated at Everett, Wash., resulting in a

considerable saving in administrative costs and costs of maintenance and operation of the two former physical plants.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised me that there is no objection to the presentation of this bill to the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

MASTIN G. WHITE,
Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington 25, D. C., October 19, 1951.

Hon. JOHN L. MCCLELLAN,
Chairman, Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR MCCLELLAN: This is in reply to your request of October 8, 1951, for the views of this office with respect to S. 2043, a bill to authorize the transfer of certain property by the Administrator of the General Services Administration to the Secretary of the Interior.

This legislation, which was recommended by the Department of the Interior, would direct the transfer to the Secretary of the Interior, without reimbursement, of a wood-frame building located in the city of Everett, Wash., on land leased from the city of Everett, formerly occupied by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Department of Commerce, and now excess to its requirements.

The Bureau of the Budget recommends the enactment of this measure.

Sincerely yours,

ELMER B. STAATS, *Assistant Director.*

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,
Washington 25, D. C., October 16, 1951.

Hon. JOHN L. MCCLELLAN,
Chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments,
United States Senate, Washington 25, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR MCCLELLAN: This is in reply to your letter of October 8, 1951, which requested an expression of the views of this Administration on S. 2043, a bill to authorize the transfer of certain property by the Administrator of the General Services Administration to the Secretary of the Interior.

This proposed legislation would authorize and direct the transfer, without reimbursement, by this Administration of a wood-frame building located in Everett, Wash., to the Secretary of the Interior. It appears that this building was formerly occupied by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, but is now excess to the requirements of the Department of Commerce.

This transfer could be effected under the provisions of Public Law 152, Eighty-first Congress, as amended (63 Stat. 377), at the fair market value. If it is desired, however, to transfer this property, without reimbursement, this Administration will interpose no objection to the enactment of the subject legislation.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report to your committee.

Sincerely yours,

JESS LARSON, *Administrator.*

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE,
Washington 25, February 8, 1952.

Hon. JOHN MCCLELLAN,
Chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This letter is in further reply to your request of October 8, 1951, for the views of this Department concerning S. 2043, a bill to authorize the transfer of certain property by the Administrator of the General Services Administration to the Secretary of the Interior.

The property, transfer of which would be authorized by the bill, was formerly utilized by this Department. We have determined that this property is surplus

to the needs and responsibilities of this Department. Accordingly, we would interpose no objection to the enactment of S. 2043.

We are advised by the Bureau of the Budget that it would interpose no objection to the submission of this report. If we can be of further assistance in this matter please call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

THOS. W. S. DAVIS,
Acting Secretary of Commerce.

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